

HONORING LIEUTENANT GENERAL  
ROBERT R. DIERKER, U.S. AIR  
FORCE

**HON. ELLEN O. TAUSCHER**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 14, 2004*

Mrs. TAUSCHER. Mr. Speaker, on October 8, 2004, Lieutenant General Robert R. Dierker, U.S. Air Force, will complete his tour of duty as the Deputy Commander, United States Pacific Command. At the end of his tour, General Dierker will retire from the Air Force after 32 years of service to our nation.

Robert Dierker represents all that is good about the United States military. He is a distinguished graduate of the United States Air Force Academy. He has served honorably throughout his career in various key operational and staff positions in the United States, Southeast Asia, Northeast Asia, and Europe. And he has commanded a fighter group and a fighter wing.

Lieutenant General Dierker is himself an accomplished command pilot. He has logged more than 2,500 flying hours, primarily in tactical aircraft, and is a master parachutist with more than 130 military jumps.

Mr. Chairman, on behalf of the United States Congress and the nation, I take great pride in formally recognizing the exceptionally meritorious service of Lieutenant General Robert R. Dierker.

**PAYING TRIBUTE TO KATHY  
GRISWOLD-MCKEAN**

**HON. THOMAS G. TANCREDO**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 14, 2004*

Mr. TANCREDO. Mr. Speaker, on August 23, 2004, one of my constituents, Mrs. Kathy

Griswold-McKean 53, tragically and unexpectedly lost her life in a single-car accident. Kathy was a true patriot, devoted to both this country and the lives of people in general.

Kathy had a positive outlook that was simply infectious. It emanated from her and welled up in others bringing out the best in them. She and her husband, Andy McKean, were together for 16 years and rarely did I ever see one without the other. Together they created the Complete Cycle Center through an Environmental Protection Agency grant where they showcased recycled products.

In addition to educating others about recycling, they worked on the Earning by Learning program to promote children to read. They also worked on various political campaigns, including my own, with the same unending energy and enthusiasm that they put into every endeavor. Kathy could be counted on to bring out the best in everyone around her.

Kathy and her husband were the driving force behind legislation in the 106th Congress which I sponsored, and more than a dozen other members cosponsored. The resolution, H. Con. Res. 376, Recognized Liberty Day.

Andy and Kathy sponsored an education project, which began March 16, 1998, of the same name. That initiative encouraged school children to learn more about the founding documents of our great nation, and with the passage of that resolution, their efforts were officially recognized by the United States Congress.

Together, Kathy and Andy promoted Liberty Day in order to preserve and pass on the great tradition of America's history, freedom and way of life. Kathy's passing, while on an errand to deliver mail to supporters of this project was a tragedy, but her commitment to the cause will be remembered and honored by many.

Kathy is survived by her Husband, her parents and her brother.

RECOGNIZING SENATOR JAMES L.  
MATHEWSON

**HON. IKE SKELTON**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 14, 2004*

Mr. SKELTON. Mr. Speaker, a distinguished career in public service is coming to an end in the Show-Me State. Missouri State Senator James L. (Jim) Mathewson, a member of the State Senate from Sedalia, Missouri, will retire at the end of the year. He has served the people of the 21st District since 1981.

Senator Mathewson was born and raised in Warsaw, Missouri. After graduating from Warsaw public schools, he attended Redding College and then California State University at Chico.

Before being elected to the state Senate, Jim Mathewson served in the Missouri House of Representatives. The people of his district chose to send him back to the state House in 1976 and 1978. First elected to the Missouri Senate in 1980, Senator Mathewson is currently serving the people of the 21st district for his fourth term. Earning the respect of his party, Senator Mathewson was elected Majority Floor Leader of the Senate in 1984 and 1986. He earned unanimous support among his fellow senators in 1989 and was elected the President Pro Tem of the Missouri Senate. He remained in this position through 1996.

Through the years, Senator Mathewson has been successful in many impressive legislative initiatives. He is admired for his knowledge and courage. When the history of the Missouri Senate is written of this era, the name of Senator James Mathewson will have a prominent role. I am proud to call him my friend.

Mr. Speaker, I am sure the Members of the House will join me in thanking Senator Mathewson for his years of public service. I wish the Senator and his wife, Doris, all the best in the years ahead.